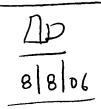
Please amend the claims as follows:

1 and 2. (Previously cancelled)

3 and 4. (Currently cancelled)

5. (Previously cancelled)



6. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 18 wherein said liquid composition containing active chlorine are is thickened with a soluble or water-dispersible polymer selected from homoor co-polymers of acrylic acid or homoor co-polymers of cross-linked acrylic acid.

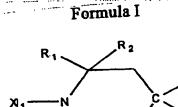
7-8. Previously cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 18 wherein the amount of active chlorine is between 0.5-10% by weight and the amount of stabilizer is between 0.005% and 3% by weight.

10-16. (Previously cancelled)

17. Previously added) A liquid composition for domestic and industrial cleaning containing an alkali or alkaline earth hypochlorite stabilized according to the method of Claim 18.

18. (Currently Amended) <u>A</u> method for stabilizing the viscosity and/or the active chlorine content of a liquid composition containing alkali or alkaline earth hypochorites comprising the addition to said composition of 0.001% to 5% of a compound belonging to the class of hindered amines of the general formula (I)



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄, which may be the same or different, represent methyl or ethyl; X₁ represents an oxygen atom, an OH group or an OR₅ group, wherein R₅ represents linear or branched alkyl C₁-C₄ or syclohexyl; X₂ represents hydrogen and X₃ represents the groups -OH or NHR₅ wherein R₅ has the meaning describe above; or X₂ and X₃, taken together, represent an oxygen atom.